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SUBJECT: FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG FOUNDATION

1. LATER THIS YEAR, TWELVE U.S. CONGRESSMEN WILL TRAVEL TO BONN TO PARTICIPATE IN PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE SPONSORED BY FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG, A PRIVATE FOUNDATION WITH TIES TO THE SDP.

2. TO DETERMINE WHETHER CONGRESSMEN CAN LEGALLY ACCEPT EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY FOUNDATION, WE MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT FOUNDATION'S SOURCE OF FUNDS. IN PARTICULAR:

A. DOES FOUNDATION OBTAIN A MAJORITY OF ITS FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT? IF NOT, FROM WHOM?

B. WILL FUNDS USED BY FOUNDATION IN THE PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE COME FROM THE GOVERNMENT OR FROM PRIVATE SOURCES?

3. NEED IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. NOTE, UNDER U.S. LAW, U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CANNOT ACCEPT MONEY OR GIFTS FROM A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. ROBINSON

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